

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0001] through [0006] with the new paragraphs [0001] through [0006] as shown below:

**[0001]** ~~United States Patent Application No. 10/XXX,XXX, entitled "RECOVERING CODE AND DATA SPACE USED BY SELF TEST", filed on December XX, 2003, Attorney Docket No. PANA1136US0, currently pending~~

**[0002]** United States Patent Application No. ~~10/XXX,XXX~~ 10/727,721, entitled "HDD WITH RAPID AVAILABILITY OF CRITICAL DATA AFTER CRITICAL EVENT", filed on December ~~XX~~ 04, 2003, Attorney Docket Number PANA1123US0, currently pending;

**[0003]** United States Patent Application No. ~~10/XXX,XXX~~ 10/727,462, entitled "METHOD FOR PROVIDING CRITICAL DATA IN AN HDD AFTER CRITICAL EVENT", filed on December ~~XX~~ 04, 2003, Attorney Docket Number PANA1123US1, currently pending;

**[0004]** United States Patent Application No. ~~10/XXX,XXX~~, entitled "RAPID AVAILABILITY OF CRITICAL DATA THROUGH REALLOCATION", filed on December ~~XX~~ 04, 2003, Attorney Docket Number PANA1123US2, currently pending;

**[0005]** United States Patent Application No. ~~10/XXX,XXX~~ 10/727,827, entitled "METHOD FOR RAPID AVAILABILITY OF CRITICAL DATA THROUGH REALLOCATION", filed on December ~~XX~~ 04, 2003, Attorney Docket Number PANA1123US3, currently pending; and

**[0006]** United States Patent Application No. ~~10/XXX,XXX~~ 10/727,678, entitled "METHOD FOR STORING HDD CRITICAL DATA IN FLASH", filed on December ~~XX~~ 04, 2003, Attorney Docket Number PANA1123US5, currently pending.

Please replace paragraph [0022] as shown below.

**[0022]** FIG. 4 illustrates a method 400 for retrieving data at the detection of a critical event by a hard drive. In one embodiment, the critical event is the power-on or resumption of operation after "hibernation" mode of the hard drive and host device. Though method 400 will be discussed with reference to the detection of power-on as the critical event, similar data access methods may be used for other detected events as well. Method 400 begins with start step 405. Next, a critical event is detected at step 410. The critical event indicates that the host device is likely to request critical data in the near future. In one embodiment, the critical event is the detection of hard drive power-on. Next, hard drive initialization is performed at step 420. Hard drive initialization may

include spinning up the hard drive media, loading the heads, and other typical tasks performed at hard drive boot-up. In one embodiment, the hard drive is initialized when it is able to seek to tracks and read data. Optionally, if the hard drive is ready to perform a seek when the critical event is detected, fewer or no initialization steps may be performed at step 420.